

— Capsule Summary  
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Hutchins House  
Leonardtown  
Private

c. 1924

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SM-558, Hutchins House  
St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Town
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-558

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Hutchins House

and/or common

**2. Location**

N side of Route 5, just W of the intersection of Route 5 and Washington Street  
street & number

   not for publication

city, town Leonardtown

   vicinity of

congressional district 3

state Maryland

county St. Mary's

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> museum
			<u>  </u> park
			<u>  </u> private residence
			<u>  </u> religious
			<u>  </u> scientific
			<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Elizabeth D. Combs

street & number PO Box 284

telephone no.:

city, town Leonardtown

state and zip code Md 20650

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse

liber 333

street & number

folio 488

city, town Leonardtown

state Md

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date

   federal    state    county    local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

Survey No. Sm-558

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: 1

The Hutchins house, located on the north side of Route 5 just west of the intersection of Route 5 and Washington Street in Leonardtown, Maryland. The dwelling is oriented on a north/south axis and is situated on a flat .77 acre lot setback only 10 yards from the road.

Constructed in the 1920s, the Hutchins house is a good example of a two story, Craftsman-style four square with a steeply pitched, almost pyramidal roof. The frame building rests on a poured concrete foundation and is sheathed with artificial siding. A wide overhanging eave shelters the most distinctive feature of this house--a series of solid, curvilinear scroll sawn brackets spaced about two feet apart. Two brick interior chimneys pierce the asphalt shingle covered roof surface. A raised-seam metal roof, meanwhile, covers the porch's roof.

The primary or south elevation features a full width porch distinguished by a series of four square columns. These supports are composed of a brick base that extends four feet from ground level where they are met by wood columns with sloping or battered sides that extend to the roof. A series of wood slats topped by a railing were placed between three of the columns to serve as both an enclosure for the porch as well as a barrier for beneath the porch. This porch shades a group of three, closely spaced, six-over-one, double-hung sash windows and a four-panel door. There are two, six-over-one windows on the second floor and the attic story is lit by a hipped roof dormer with a series of three, slender, six-over-one windows. The dormer is also distinguished by a bracketed cornice. Other distinctive characteristics include a three-sided bay window on the east elevation and a screened in porch on the north side.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. SM-558

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1924	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-558

St. Mary's Beacon. August 22, 1924.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .77 acres

Quadrangle name Leonardtown, Md

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed description.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date February 1997

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city or town Leonardtown

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
BOWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2027

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St. Mary's County  
8.1 Significance

Chain-of-title (Please note that all records can be found in the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse in Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber CBG 14, Folio 77  
Grantee: Elizabeth D. and Frank J. Combs  
Grantor: Margaret M. C. Combs, widow and Elizabeth H. and Terrell Pick  
Date: December 5, 1942  
Notes: The deed notes that the property contains .77 acres.

Reference: Liber EBA 20, Folio 280  
Grantee: George T. Hutchins  
Grantor: Stephen T. and Gertrude E. Foxwell  
Date: November 25, 1921

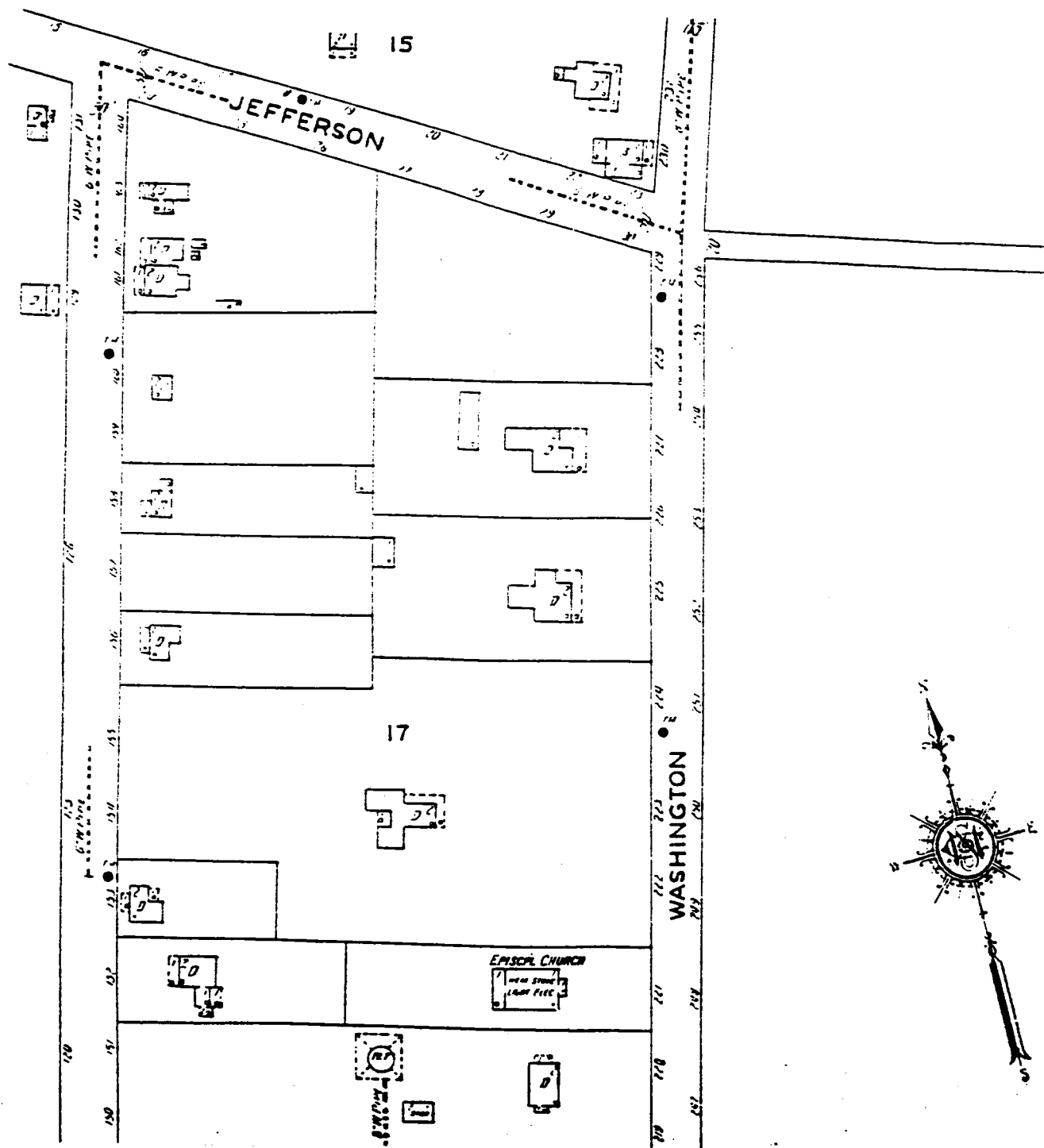
Reference: Liber EBA 19, Folio 23  
Grantee: Stephen T. and Gertrude E. Foxwell  
Grantor: John E. N. and Mary C. Sterling  
Date: February 18, 1920

Reference: Liber EBA 13, Folio 16  
Grantee: John E. N. Sterling  
Grantor: Joseph B. and Mary L. Drury  
Date: September 18, 1914  
Notes: The property is listed here as being "Part of Race Track" and "Brooklyn." The property is subdivided from the larger tract.

Reference: Liber EBA 1, Folio 388  
Grantee: Joseph B. and Mary L. Drury  
Grantor: Lewis E. and Ida J. Payne  
Date: August 21, 1900

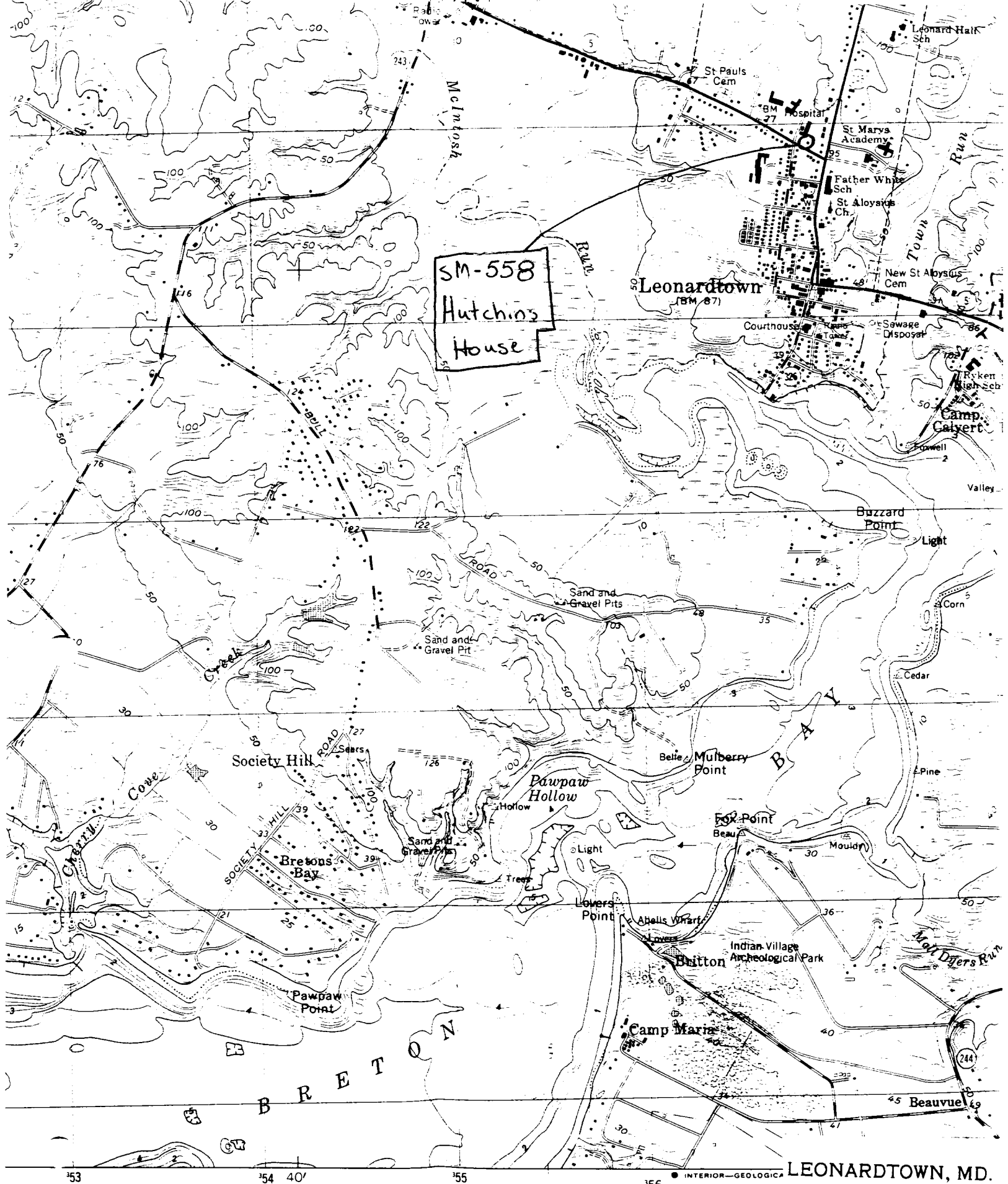
Reference: Liber JJG 5, Folio 358-259  
Grantee: Lewis E. and Ida J. Payne  
Grantor: Lucy C. Leigh Parsons  
Date: November 7, 1898.  
Notes: Here the tract consists of approximately 70 acres.

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8.2 Significance



1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map of Leonardtown showing only a portion of the Hutchins house located on the north side of Jefferson Street (now Route 5).





LEONARDTOWN, MD.

SW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

38076-C6-TB-024

ROAC

1963

Heavy-duty

Medium-duty

— BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982

PHOTOREVISED 1984

DMA 5660 I SW-SERIES V833

